

## The Province of Yorkshire, West Riding.

## Masonic Light – because we never stop learning

Welcome to Freemasonry – you are at the start of an exciting, enjoyable and rewarding journey!

Masonic Light is the Provincial Learning and Development Programme which has been set up to explain our ritual and to promote your understanding and enjoyment of all aspects of Freemasonry. There is a Provincial Masonic Light Team, working under the leadership of the Provincial Grand Learning and Development Officer, which is responsible for content, production, and delivery of Masonic Light materials.

Masonic Light runs a series of webinars to expand your understanding of the various degrees as well as webinars covering topics of a more general nature. It will take time to understand the meaning of our ceremonies – but the effort to explore their symbolism and relevance is well worth the effort. It also runs training programmes for the various Lodge Officers.

Masonic Light also promotes lectures in your own Lodge or Masonic Hall which are advertised under the Masonic Light banner. These tend to be organised at an Area level by the Area Masonic Light Coordinator. Information on these lectures will be sent to you or be circulated in different ways including local notice boards in Masonic Halls, from your Lodge Secretary or Lodge Mentor, the Provincial Facebook page, and the monthly Provincial Newsletter.

The foundation for this Programme is Information on the United Grand Lodge of England e-learning environment, "Solomon"; your Province has been a major contributor to Solomon. In particular, Solomon has Welcome Modules for new Masons to encourage discussion, debate and speculation. You can access Solomon on this URL: <a href="https://solomon.ugle.org.uk">https://solomon.ugle.org.uk</a>. Solomon is an open site but you won't find it listed on Search Engines.

As a starting point can in your journey of Masonic understanding, why not look at the "nuggets" in Solomon. These are very short items of information which will add to your enjoyment of the craft. Perhaps you might be encouraged to present one or two at some of your Lodge meetings or rehearsals – they do not need to be learnt but can be read out to other members of the Lodge who will be able to add their views to what you have said and share their knowledge with you.

The Learning & Development programme is also heavily involved in sourcing material of interest and welcomes new members into the team. Please contact the team at <a href="mailto:lnd@wrprovince.org.uk">lnd@wrprovince.org.uk</a> if you are interested.

